

## **Configuring the shape of the service to local needs.**

Comprehensive guidelines are now widely available for the investigation and management of chronic kidney disease and established renal failure, and are enshrined in the 18 Week CKD Pathway.

Whilst national and international guidelines promote evidence-based medicine and best practice, models of care delivery always need to cater for local circumstances. The healthcare environment for managing kidney disease for example, will never be uniform, and is determined by geography; age, ethnicity and size of the population; and local human and financial resources. There also needs to be capacity to innovate and continually modify practice to achieve the best outcomes and patient experience, whilst ensuring maximum cost-effectiveness and timeliness of care delivery.

This presentation will highlight the potential heterogeneity of service delivery within a national template, and some of the ways that flexibility and efficacy of care can be delivered to local patients with chronic kidney disease.